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May 23, 2007

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Conville Sand, Reservoir B, BEAR CREEK FIELD,
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated CON RB SUF.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso--Poole et al No. 4 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for CON RB SUF, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.
5. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-60, effective March 26, 2002, to include the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, underlying the proposed unit CON RB SUF, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in this Order.

6. To redefine the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, insofar and only insofar as to the proposed additional unit, as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 7,217 feet and 7,250 feet in the El Paso--Poole et al. No. 4 Well, located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989, as amended and supplemented, to the proposed additional unit for the Conville Sand, Reservoir B.

8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Conville Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated May 6, 2007, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2007. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of the pre-application notice; therefore, no conference will be held.

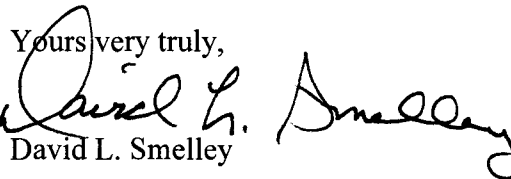
Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed unit (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice). Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested

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Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Ms. Nancy Fractor (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

